

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
2nd Floor Council Chambers
Joseph S. Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard
Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present:

Warren R. Bourgeois, III
Laura Donnaway
Dolores Hall
Sandra Joseph
Howard Maestri

Commission Members Absent:

None

Call Commission Meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Maestri at 5:00 P.M. Roll call. Quorum is constituted.

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting.
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Bourgeois. The motion was voted upon and
PASSED without opposition or abstention.

Public Hearing

None

Report of Inspector General

1. Reports

Susan Andrews presents the Marrero-Estelle Volunteer Fire Department follow-up report to an original audit performed in November 2016. She reports that many positive changes have been implemented as a direct result of the original November 2016 audit. Susan Andrews and IG McClintock field various questions from Jerry Sullivan and the Commissioners about the follow-up report. Mike Power addresses the Commissioners from the audience regarding the title and ownership of fire protection vehicles. The Inspector General reports there are five reports currently in various stages of production, review and distribution.

2. BP Funds

Paul Lumpkin reports approximately 1.1 million dollars of interest has been posted to all council district funds and the Council Districts spent a total combined of approximately 480,000 dollars in the month of September, 2019. Encumbered funds for all Council Districts through the month of September 2019 total just under 1 billion dollars.

3. Investigation of Complaint made by the Administration with regard to the leased space of the Office of Inspector General

Commissioner Bourgeois defers to Jerry Sullivan, Counsel for the Ethics and Compliance Commission, to report to the Commission the conclusions of the investigation in regard to the complaint filed by Parish President Yenni on August 21, 2019. Mr. Sullivan reports on the details of complaint 2019-0001 regarding the two JPOIG office space leases and build-out costs.

The Ethics and Compliance Commission findings and conclusions of the leased space investigation brought by Parish President Michael Yenni is that there was no violation of procedures or public bid law by the OIG. The Commission finds the complaint without merit.

MOTION by Commissioner Maestri to dismiss the complaint brought by Parish President Yenni regarding leased office space. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Bourgeois. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

New Business

Chairman Maestri presents a case status list to the Commissioners for review and follow-up.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is November 20, 2019.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Hall to adjourn. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Donnaway. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

MEETING ADJOURNED